Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The white cane, which every blind citizen of our state has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and,

Whereas, The white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society; and,

Whereas, Every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and,

Whereas, South Dakota law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota, through its public agencies and with the cooperative assistance of the National Federation of the Blind of South Dakota, can look forward to a continued expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind persons in the competitive labor market:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2011, as

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State